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WINDING UP OF DIRECTORATE OF MAIZE RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Maize Research, Pusa a constituent of ICAR is proposed to be windup;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the performance of DMR recorded during each of the last three years in physical and financial terms; and

(d) the fate of the employees likely to be rendered surplus after its winding up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No such proposal has been initiated by the ICAR regarding windup of DMR in future.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The Directorate of Maize Research was established in 1994. The objectives of the DMR and its achievements both in physical and financial terms year wise, since inception are given in Annexure-I & Annexure-II.

(d) Not applicable. Annexure-I

A. To undertake basic and strategic research activities with respect to germplasm enhancement like tolerance to abiotic and biotic stresses quality improvement specialized uses etc.

B. To Co-ordinate interdisciplinary research activities as follows:

1. Strategic and applied research for genetic improvement in yield, quality and resistance to biotic and adiotic stresses.

2. Development of efficient package of practices for increasing productivity

3. Tailoring maize for diversified uses for industry and other sectors.

C. To organize activities related to overall development of maize. For example training programmes on farm researches, frontline demonstration etc.

D. To render and undertake consultancy services and programmes on maize research and development for needy agencies institutions in India or abroad.

E. To develop effective collaborative programmes in maize research and development with national and international agencies institutions.

Achievements:

Since its inception in 1994 the Directorate of Maize Research has released 16 hybrids and six composites for cultivation in the various agroclimatic zones of the country. These cultivars have helped in increasing the productivity from 1493 Kg/ha in 1994 to 2060 Kg/ha in 2001. The total production has also increased from 9.1 million tonnes in 1994 to 13.51 million tonnes in 2001-2002 which is a significant increase. Special emphasis was laid on development of nutritionally superior quality protein maize hybrids Accordingly single cross hybrids Shaktiman-I and Shaktiman-II were released. These hybrids will provide nutritional security to the tribal and poor strata of the society and also better feed for poultry industry. The details of varieties/ hybrids released are placed at Annexure -II. Maize has exceeded the targeted production (12mt) to 13.5 mt, an increase of 1.5 mt. in the year 2001-2002.

Annexure-II

Financial Allocation and Expenditure

There was no separate approved allocation during VIII Plan period for the Directorate of Maize Research as this Directorate`s budget was met from the overall allocation of Indian Agriculture Research Institute. New Delhi The year-wise remittance from the Council to IARI during 1994-95 to 1996 to 97 in respect of the DMR and expenditure against that remittance under the Directorate during the VII Plan period are given in Table.1 The allocation during IX Plan and expenditure year wise are given in Table 2 below:

VIII PLAN (Table-1) (Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	Remittance from Council	Expenditure
1994-95	0.40	0.30
1995-96	1.44	0.76
1996-97	2.90+	2.85+

+ Including AICRP

IX PLAN (Table-2) (Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1997-98	1.57	1.57
1998-99	1.07	1.07
1999-2000	1.17	0.96
2000-2001	1.26	1.26
2001-2002	668.11++	666.70++

++ Including AICRP